

Currently, he is the principal owner of a management consulting firm that provides marketing and management services to a variety of businesses. He formerly served for more than eight years as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer with Ruiz Engineering Corporation/Maya Construction Company, where he was responsible for managing and directing business activities relating to corporate planning, finance and business development.

Dan has worked on more than 50 local, state, and national campaigns, both on a partisan and non-partisan basis. His first measurable involvement in a campaign was at the age of 13 when he successfully assisted a group of neighbors who were running for the South Tucson Town Council by preparing a campaign slogan and printed literature. In 1991, he was very instrumental in organizing the successful Pima County campaign which helped to elect Ed Pastor as the first Hispanic in the state to serve in Congress. In 1994, he served a key role in the campaign of Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Eddie Basha. He has also provided valuable leadership and guidance to area non-partisan voter awareness and educational projects sponsored by the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and the Labor Council of Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), of which he is an associate member. He is currently a member of the National Association of the Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

Dan has earned numerous award and honors for his community service. In March 1996, he received the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Presidential Citation and Community Service Award. In 1993, we were both presented with the prestigious Montemayor-Barraza Award which is the highest national honor given by the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA). In 1992, Dan was inducted into the Arizona Democratic Party Hall of Fame. In 1991, he received the Distinguished Citizen Award by the University of Arizona Alumni Association. In 1988, his service to the City of South Tucson was best acknowledged when the Mayor and City Council named the newly constructed municipal complex in his honor.

Dan has been married for more than 30 years to Mary Alice Rosales. They reside in South Tucson with their two children, Jennifer, age 26, and Daniel, age 22. The Eckstrom family is very active in the community. His wife served four terms as President of the League of Mexican American Women. His daughter, at the age of 18 was elected to the South Tucson City Council and has the distinction of being one of the youngest elected officials in the state. His son serves as a Neighborhood Reinvestment Coordinator for the City of South Tucson and was a participant in the National LULAC Youth Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me today in honoring Dan Eckstrom for all his hard work and dedication to the people of Pima County.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WHIT EASTMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of an outstanding citizen from my district. Whit Eastman of Gunnison, Colorado recently passed away at the age of sixty-seven. Whit was a kind, generous man who cared greatly about his community. As his family and friends mourn his passing, I would like to take this opportunity to remember Whit today.

A life-long resident of Gunnison, Whit had deep roots in the community. Whit has given much to his country and his community. He served a tour of duty in Korea during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he became the Financial Director for the City of Gunnison and, later, the President of the First National Bank. He actively strengthened the local Masonic Lodge, as well as serving as the President of the Rotary. Whit also served on the Western State College Foundation Board of Directors at his alma mater, Western State College.

Mr. Speaker, Whit Eastman was a beloved member of the Gunnison community, and he will be deeply missed. His love for life and dedication to his friends and neighbors touched many lives. While Whit has passed on, his legacy will continue to live. I am honored to join with my colleagues in honoring Whit here today. My condolences go out to Whit's family and friends during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to call attention to the Population Institute's annual World Population Awareness Week, which will focus on "Water: Our Most Precious Resource."

This event is one of great importance, and its topic, water, is one that demands immediate action. Currently, 1.2 million people worldwide lack healthy and abundant water. As a member of the world community, the United States has a commitment to aid our fellow human beings in obtaining their natural right to water. And, even more importantly, the United States has a commitment to itself, to ensure that no American will ever be without water. Many regions in America have a water supply that is strained beyond its capacity, leaving many Americans vulnerable to massive shortages of water.

Unfortunately, the water supply problems are only becoming more prevalent, as currently there is a trend to turn water into a commodity through the privatization of the supply. Multinational companies that contract to supply developing countries focus on profit, not access. Their use of cost recovery measures

increases profits for these companies through the additions of annual fees on water, but force many people to go without the essential and natural right to water because of burdensome costs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the importance of water to our world community and in recognizing the Population Institute's World Awareness Week.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN R. HILL FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AS EAST CALN TOWNSHIP MANAGER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edwin R. Hill for his 30 years of service as manager for East Caln Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Edwin R. Hill has served as one of only two full-time employees for East Caln Township for over three decades, where he took on many duties under his title of Township Manager. With his retirement, Mr. Hill leaves behind a legacy any public official would be proud of, and East Caln Township will be hard-pressed to replace such a fine individual.

In addition to his position as Township Manager, Edwin R. Hill was a past President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, a role and an honor in our state that truly illustrates his tremendous leadership abilities. Mr. Hill made it a point over the years to pass his tremendous knowledge and experience on to others. He was a part-time instructor for the Governor's Center Municipal Training Classes where he taught such courses as Road Masters Class, Commercial Drivers License Training and orientation courses for newly-elected officials. Mr. Hill also served on the Chester County Planning Commission, as well as various other local committees to resolve issues in municipal government.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me today in recognizing and honoring Edwin R. Hill for the hard work and dedication he has demonstrated over the years in making East Caln Township, Chester County and all of Pennsylvania a better place to live.

HONORING MAYOR ALFONSO GEREFFI

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Alfonso Gereffi, former mayor of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida. A distinguished leader and great Floridian, Mr. Gereffi was also a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Mr. Gereffi moved to South Florida in the late 1960's from Pittsburgh and quickly took an active role in the community. An outspoken advocate, Mr. Gereffi served on the Lauderdale Lakes City Council for nearly three decades. He served as a City Council member from 1973 to 1980 and as Mayor from 1980 to